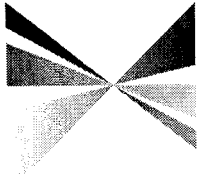


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Thursday, February 2, 2006

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

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"Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee".

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Deborah
Robertson, Chair

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of January 5, 2006 Attachment

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4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 Blueprint OWP and Grant Award Letter

SCAG was awarded a \$1,258,450 in Blueprint Grant funds to support Compass growth vision planning and implementation.



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4.2.2 State and Federal Legislative Matrix
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4.2.3 Compass 2% Strategy Implementation
Update
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4.2.4 2007/2008 Growth Forecast Update
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4.2.5 Regional Housing Summit Planning
Activities are Now Underway
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5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)
Request for Extension
Attachment

Hasan Ikhata 11
Director, P&P

20 minutes

Review of 2007 RHNA funding status, approach
and schedule.

Recommended Action: Approve letter requesting
extension of the Regional Housing Needs
Assessment program in order to coordinate with
4-year RTP cycle and to allow time for legislative
change to the RHNA program, including
identification of state funding.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

None.



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7.0 STAFF REPORT

Staff will give a summary report on the 9TH Annual Regional Economic Forecast Conference which was held on January 26, 2006 at Santa Anita Park.

Bruce DeVine
SCAG Staff

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Deborah
Robertson

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee members or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee will be held on March 2, 2006 at the SCAG office.



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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, at 9:50 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Arguello, Daniel
Barnes, Christine
Bowlen, Paul (**Vice Chair**)
Coerper, Gil
Daigle, Leslie
Davert, Doug
Edney, Jon A.
Fesmire, Melanie
Green, Cathy
Jasper, Timothy
Kirby, Dan
Krause, Mary Ann
McCallon, Larry
McCullough, Kathryn
Parks, Bernard
Poe, Marilyn
Robertson, Deborah (**Chair**)
Ten, Mike

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Members Not Present

Dispenza, Mike
Hofmeyer, Daryl
Lantz, Paula
Loveridge, Ronald
McSweeney, Susan
Norby, Chris
Nowatka, Paul
Perry, Jan
Reyes, Ed
Richardson, Laura
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New Member(s)

Ramirez, Rick

Ring, Bob

Serrano, Joseph

Williams, Diane

Gateway Cities

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. The Chair led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Robertson welcomed new members to the Committee, Councilmember Joseph Serrano of Santa Fe Springs, Councilmember Diane Williams representing SANBAG, and Councilmember Bob Ring for OCCOG. Chair Robertson also recognized Councilmember Leslie Daigle representing OCCOG and Councilmember Bernard Parks who joined the Committee in December.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Priest, BIA, commented on consent item 4.2.1 President's Advisory Panel on Tax Reform: Mortgage Interest Deduction. Mr. Priest asked the Committee's support in opposing the portion of the Reform that only allows 15% of interest paid on principle residence mortgage to be tax deductible. Mr. Priest asked that SCAG send a letter to the California Congressional delegation in opposition to this portion of the Reform.

After a short discussion of the item the Committee agreed to agendize this item for the next meeting for further discussion and possible action.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Report on the Subregional Audits

Sid Tyler, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported on the status of the subregional audits for Caltrans. Councilmember Tyler stated that SCAG has been on the receiving end of quite a number of audits from Caltrans, not all very favorable. Staff has made some extraordinary efforts to get in compliance with those audits. As far as Caltrans and the Feds are concerned SCAG is still a high-risk organization. Through discussions in the Audit Committee along with staff input it has been determined that the way to improve the organization's standing is to improve internal controls by ensuring that the entire organization including the subregions are following and complying with all federal regulations. To achieve this goal it has been agreed, with RC's approval, to audit all 14 subregions through the internal audit program and in combination with Caltrans' audits of the subregions. These audits occur over the balance of this year.

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In these audits there are about 5 areas of particular interest:

- Making sure expenditures are allowable;
- Accounting for overhead is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles;
- In awarding contracts they need to be consistent with a code of Federal regulations with respect to procurement;
- Accounting for overhead is consistent with the Office of Management and Budget Regulation A-87 which has to do with indirect cost allocation, and finally
- Maintaining proper documentation.

Councilmember Tyler said these audits will be done by the end of the year, some by Caltrans and some by the internal auditors. Each audit will be done at the subregional offices, documentation required by auditors will be requested in advance of the visit. The results of the audit when final, and are released, will be shared with Caltrans and Caltrans will share them with SCAG.

In conclusion, Councilmember Tyler stated the Audit Committee would like to see each Subregion with some form of an audit function to look at the kinds of checks and balances to keep the problems of auditing from occurring. The Audit Committee will be putting together a handbook of the essentials for reporting accounting for billing for each of the subregions. Finally, the Committee is trying to schedule (possibly January 18th or 19th) a mandatory meeting of subregional staff who are involved in accounting, reporting, recordkeeping administration, to go over the fundamental procedures.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Poe and seconded by Councilmember Krause to approve the consent calendar with no objections.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of December 1, 2005

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 President's Advisory Panel on Tax Reform:
Mortgage Interest Deduction

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5.0 ACTION ITEMS

None.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

6.2 Compass Blueprint Grant: Status of Application

Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, reported that the Blueprint Grant application has been funded. SCAG was not granted all that had been requested but was given assurance that the organization would get first year funding and the budget is very close to what staff had anticipated. Also, SCAG was assured that there will be an opportunity to apply for second year funding. The amount that SCAG received between \$1 million and \$1.3 million, SCAG has only to fine tune the grant application.

Mr. Carreras reported that some of the programs listed in the grant for funding are in the area of demonstration project for the Compass program and Compass land use general update. The other portion of the grant covered transportation and housing activities.

Chair Robertson congratulated those staff members involved in preparing the grant application, in particular, Joe Carreras, Brian Wallace, and Mark Butala, commending them for a job well done.

6.3 Compass 2% Strategy Implementation Update

None.

6.4 Compass Integration into Intergovernmental Review Process

Brian Wallace, SCAG Staff, gave a brief report on recent efforts to integrate Compass and 2% Strategy into IGR for regionally significant projects. Mr. Wallace stated that SCAG is the Statewide Clearinghouse for CEQA documents and has the authority to comment on any and all EIR process documents. IGR performs consistency review of regionally significant local plans, project, and program. Mr. Wallace stated that the thresholds for determining regionally significant projects are:

- 500 residential units
- 500,000 sf of commercial
- 250,000 sf of office
- 650,000 sf of industrial

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- Large-scale public infrastructure (freeways, air and water ports, sewage/water, etc.)
- General and some Specific Plans

Documents used to in relation for consistency review are the RTP, RCPG, and most recently Compass Growth Visioning.

Mr. Wallace emphasized that SCAG has no approval authority, SCAG is a clearinghouse to alert the public. Mr. Wallace went on to give an example of the types of project received at SCAG. Mr. Wallace summarized some of the things done this year are:

- Letters cite Compass Growth Vision as one of three major regional plans used to review projects and plans
- Able to highlight project or plan's apparent use of Compass principles
- Bi-weekly clearinghouse Report on SCAG website
- Offer SCAG's participation and support in integrating Compass with project or plan

Mr. Wallace stated that for this year staff is looking 2% Strategy criteria provide additional opportunity to comment on additional projects/plans: for the "top 50" cities in the 2@ area. To use staff knowledge and expertise in a multi-disciplinary team in the areas of environmental, and transportation; provide relevant guidance on all projects/plans in 2% areas; notify elected representative and COG/subregional coordinators; explore improved mapping function to better monitor regional development Growth Forecast.

Chair Robertson that it would be of benefit to the Committee to not only have a monthly report but it would be very helpful to have an occasional report from other organizations on the projects taking place in their areas.

6.5 SB 1024 (Perata) Public Works and Improvements: Bond Measure

Sarah Adams, SCAG Staff, gave a brief presentation on the portion of the SB 1024 (Perata) that deals specifically with housing components. Ms. Adams stated that SB 1024 was initially introduced to provide bond revenue for infrastructure improvements through the state of California. At this point the total of the bill is \$10.275 billion in general obligation bonds.

Ms. Adams said the goals of the bill are to: flood protection, transportation, housing, and environmental mitigation. It is expected that this bill will move at a very quick pace there is a possibility that the bill will be on the June ballot. Ms. Adams then gave the Committee an idea of how the money would be distributed.

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In summary, Ms. Adams said staff is planning on monitoring this bill SCAG did not take a position of support or opposition. Staff does expect that the bill will pass and be placed on the ballot.

Ms. Adams gave a brief report on the December 13 hearing for Goods Movement which was a success with a lot of public participation. General concerns for goods movement and air quality and linking incentives for infill development and regional housing for local agencies and counties.

Chair Robertson took this opportunity to introduce Councilmember Rick Ramirez representing Gateway Cities.

Councilmember Jon Edney encouraged members to attend the 9th Annual Regional Economic Forecast conference, held on January 26 at Santa Anita Park. Councilmember Edney pointed out that each CEHD and Regional Council member will not have to pay, but each member must be preregistered. Councilmember Edney will also be serving as moderator for the conference

7.0 STAFF REPORT

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

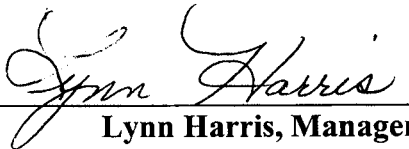
None.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember McCullough and seconded by Councilmember McCallon to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. motion passed unanimously. The next CEHD meeting will be held February 2, 2006 at the SCAG office.

Action Minutes Approved by:


**Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development**

MEMO

DATE: 2/7/2006

TO: Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

FROM: Mark Butala, Senior Regional Planner, 213-236-1945, butala@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Compass 2% Strategy Implementation Update

SUMMARY:

In November 2006, SCAG entered into a 2-year contract with Fregonese Calthorpe Associates to assist in the Compass 2% Strategy implementation efforts and the development of the growth forecast for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

BACKGROUND:

The 2-year work program is designed to integrate inter-related planning efforts to meet the requirements of the 2008 RTP growth forecasting process, including assistance in the development of the socioeconomic data sets for 2008 RTP/EIR, the continued implementation of the Compass 2% Strategy program and the development and implementation of additional tools and resources for the Compass 2% Strategy. The key components include:

- A. Compass 2% Strategy refinement, implementation, consensus building and program marketing, including further development of the SCAG subregional program**
- B. Develop partnerships with local governments, developers, non-profits, banking industry, etc. to initiate and complete 25-30 Demonstration Projects throughout the SCAG region**
- C. Develop a web-based interactive data and mapping tool for 5 counties similar to and compatible with the existing LA LOTS program**
- D. Develop the 2008 Growth Forecast including growth projections without regional policy input and growth projections and growth alternatives with regional policy input**

MEMO

DATE: February 2, 2006

TO: Community, Economic & Human Development Committee

FROM: Frank Wen, Acting Lead Regional Planner/Senior Economist, wen@scag.ca.gov,
213-236-1854

SUBJECT: 2007/08 Growth Forecast Update

SUMMARY:

The 2007/08 growth forecast process is currently moving forward again with the issuance of a notice to proceed to the consultant. The major milestones of the 2007/08 RTP Growth Forecasts for the remainder of this fiscal year include:

- January 2006: Working with consultant, convening the Panel of Experts to review and comment on 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecast at regional/county/subregional level.
- February 2006: Counties/subregions are invited to present their forecasts and any pertinent growth issues to the Panel of Experts.
- March 2006: Panel of Experts review and comment on Draft 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecasts at regional/county/subregional level.
- June 2006: Draft 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecast at City/Small Area level.

BACKGROUND:

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee directed staff to proceed with the 2007 RTP growth forecast update process on February 3, 2005. Community Development and Forecasting staff with tremendous help from subregions, cities, and subregion coordinators, so far have accomplished the following tasks related to the 2007/08 RTP Growth Forecasts.

1. Provided Transportation Modeling Division the extended Year 2000 socio-economic data set for new model development and calibration.
2. Collaborating with subregions/local jurisdictions, reviewed and revised the 2003 base year small area distribution of employment, population, and household, and completed/delivered the 2003 extended socio-economic data set to Modeling Division.
3. Conducted survey of subregions/local jurisdictions regarding recent changes in general plan and developments that could affect the long term growth patterns envisioned in the 2004 RTP/Growth Vision policy forecast.
4. Requested and received inputs from subregions regarding their perspectives of future growth in population, employment and household.
5. Reviewed and presented recent trends in population, employment and household growth and completed preliminary 2007/08 RTP no-project growth forecasts at regional/county/subregional level.

MEMO

DATE: January 12, 2006

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

FROM: Joseph Carreras, Lead Regional Planner, 213.236.1856, Carreras@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: 2006 Regional Housing Summit Planning Activities are Now Underway

SUMMARY:

The City of Torrance has offered to host the 6th Annual Regional Housing Summit. It is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Toyota Meeting Hall, City of Torrance from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2006.

In January 2006, SCAG is expecting an award of California Blueprint grant funds to integrate transportation and local land use planning by developing a 20 year Housing Allocation Plan and promoting growth in Compass 2% Strategy areas. Housing affordability is deemed a critical regional issue for our workforce and economy, and general population. Current housing issues are documented in the 2005 State of the Region Report, where Housing received a grade of "D." The region is currently scheduled to start the preparation of an RHNA updated tied to the Regional Transportation Plan's growth forecast. Last October, SCAG participated in sponsoring Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing. This Summit was held in the City of Ontario, and focused on what HUD and the federal government could do to help the region address its housing problems.

BACKGROUND:

The Annual Regional Housing Summit was mandated by the Regional Council after the last Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). It is intended as a forum for developing a collective local strategy to address housing needs of the region by promoting increased housing production and housing affordability. Past Summits have included presentations by housing experts on market trends and needs, information sharing on successful local and regional programs, and dialogue on legislative initiatives designed to assist local governments in meeting state housing planning requirements. Housing production is an important component in meeting the region's fair share of statewide housing need, while housing availability and affordability provision is a critical social equity and economic vitality issue for Southern California.

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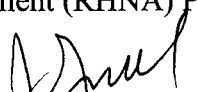
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DATE: February 2, 2006

TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee

FROM: Hasan Ikhrata, Director of Planning and Policy

SUBJECT: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Program Request for Extension

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve the attached letter requesting a two year extension of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) program in order to coordinate with the 4 year RTP cycle and to allow the State legislature time to enact program changes, including identification and appropriation of State funding.

SUMMARY:

SCAG staff have been actively pursuing program changes to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) statute consistent with our obligations under the 2004 RHNA Settlement Agreement arising out of the litigation from the last RHNA cycle. Our focus, as reported and approved by the CEHD and Regional Council in 2005, has been to develop a policy based, rather than a statistically based RHNA program that emphasizes the use of improved local growth data and further identifies priority investment zones where incentives may be targeted to encourage additional housing development, i.e. Compass 2% Strategy areas identified locally. This approach, known as "20 year Housing Planning" by the state has been identified as the optimum way to proceed by the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing. This approach requires amendment to the existing RHNA statute.

On a parallel track SCAG legal staff have been working to overturn the Commission on State mandates determination that COG's are not eligible claimants for state mandates. It appears this will now have to be resolved by legislative action; rather than in the courts.

Additionally, contrary to early expectations, the State Blueprint Funds cannot be used specifically for the RHNA program.

BACKGROUND:

The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) previously approved SCAG's request to coordinate the next RHNA with its 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Growth Forecasting. This approval, however, was before we learned of the 4 year RTP time period recently enacted in Federal law. We need an additional extension to meet the statutory requirements to coordinate our RTP Growth forecast for the 2008 RTP.

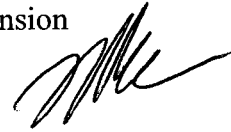
The ability to request the previous extension granted to SCAG by HCD was included in State law. HCD, in 2005, demonstrated that they have additional discretionary authority to grant extensions by approving a request for extension from the Association of Bay Area governments (ABAG) administratively.

REPORT

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to approving the letter requesting a program extension

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Acting Director Judy Nevis
Department of Housing and Community Development
1800 Third Street, Room 450
P.O. Box 952053
Sacramento, CA 94252

Re: RHNA Request for an Extension

Dear Ms. Nevis,

We are writing at the behest of our Regional Council to request that the 4th Revision of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment for the SCAG region be postponed for two years to allow it to be coordinated with the new four year Regional Transportation Plan cycle and to allow the State legislature time to enact program changes, including identification and appropriation of State funding to support the RHNA and the adoption of a 20 year housing planning approach for local communities.

The State Department of Housing and Community (HCD) previously approved SCAG's request to coordinate the next RHNA with its 2007 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) growth forecast. This approval, however, was based on a three year RTP cycle. This cycle has now been changed by federal law to permit a four year planning period. An extension is needed to meet the statutory goal to foster coordination of RTP growth forecasting with RHNA projections, especially over a 20 year or more time horizon.

Funding of this new coordinated transportation and housing process was also anticipated to be a shared expense between the California Blueprint growth visioning program and appropriate resources from the Commission on State Mandates. However, both of these resources cannot be used without new legislation.

Our hope is that with a two year extension, the legislative goal of RTP and RHNA program coordination will be realized and that funding issues supporting this effort may also be resolved so that we may partner in strategic ways to implement a sustainable growth forecast and affordable housing plan for the SCAG region.

We look forward to hearing from you soon concerning this urgent request.

Sincerely,

Carreras
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Mark Pisano
Executive Director

cc: Toni Young
SCAG President